Central Assistance for Providing Drinking Water in Andhra Pradesh

96. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from Andhra Pradesh for Central Assistance to find a permanent solution to the drinking water porblem of East Godavari District facing acute scarcity of drinking water;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the New Times' dated the 23rd May, 1997 captioned "85 villages face water shortage in East Godavari";

(c) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken to arrange for perennial source of drinking water for two lakh people residing in 85 villages dotting the coast and upland areas of East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Audit of various Rural Works Programmes

97. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a scheme of engineering audit to evaluate the cost effectiveness and efficiency of execution of the various Rural Works Programmes like the JRY, PMRY, EGS, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to enhance the efficiency of the various Rural Works Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Government has not contemplated to undertake such studies.

(d) For effective implementation of these programmes, the guidelines lay emphasis on physical monitoring of these programmes through field inspections by the State and Central Government officers. The States are also required to constitute monitoring and vigilance committees at village, block, district and State levels to supervise, monitor and review rural development programmes.

गुजरात और त्रिपुरा में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत लाभभोगी

98. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात और त्रिपुरा के प्रत्येक जिले में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत कितने लोग, लाभान्वित हुए हैं, तथा इनमें से पिछड़े दलित और आदिवासी लोगों का प्रतिशत कितना है;

(ख) उपर्युक्त राज्यों में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत कितनी महिलाएं लाभान्वित हुई हैं और इनमें आदिवासी महिलाओं का प्रतिशत कितना है; और

(ग) गुजरात और त्रिपुरा में विकास की धीमी गति के क्या कारण हैं और विकास की गति तेज करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री किंजरापू येरन्नायडु): (क) और (ख) पिछड़े वर्ग के लोगों, दलित लोगों (अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों के अलावा) तथा आदिवासी महिलाओं से